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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-6 and 8 will be pending.

Claims 1-6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. The Applicant submits that the above amended claims are fully compliant with §112. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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